

ORDINANCE NO. 7101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE III, SECTION 4-3-31 TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, MOVEMENT, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, EQUIPMENT, LOCATION, REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS IN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Construction Advisory and Appeals Board, the City Commission now finds it is in the best interests of public health, safety, and welfare to adopt the 2006 edition of the *International Residential Code*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4-3, Article III, Section 4-3-31 be and hereby is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 4-3, Article III, Section 4-3-31 be and hereby is amended to now read as follows:

Sec. 4-3-31. Applicability; adoption of residential code; amendments.

(a) This section is applicable to all structures within the City described herein as one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three (3) stories in height.

(b) There is hereby adopted the *International Residential Code*, 2006 edition (as published by the International Code Council), excluding Part VIII Electrical (Chapters 33-42), and including Appendices G, J, M, and O, copies of which shall be maintained by the Building Official, with the following amendments:

(1) Section R101.1. *Insert: City of Amarillo*

(2) Section R104.12 Contractor registration: The Building Official shall receive applications from and register contractors according to the rules adopted by the City in Chapter 4-1 of the Amarillo Municipal Code.

(3) Section R105.1 is amended by adding a second and third paragraph as follows:

Building permits issued to either registered contractors, or Homeowners. Building permits for construction of, alterations of, or additions to buildings and structures shall only be issued to either:

1. A residential building contractor registered in accordance with Chapter 4-1 of the Amarillo Municipal Code, or

2. A Homeowner, for work to be done on his property, when the Homeowner is acting as his own building contractor.
- (4) Section R105.2 *Amend:* (Work exempt from permit): 1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 420 200 square feet (41.15-18.58m²). 2. Fences not over 8 feet (2440 mm) high.
- (5) Section R105.3.1.1 Substantially improved or substantially damaged existing buildings in areas prone to flooding, is amended to read as follows:
- Existing buildings and structures located in Special Flood Hazard Areas as defined by Chapter 4-8, Flood Damage Mitigation, of the Municipal Code shall comply with that Chapter.
- (6) Section R108.2 Schedule of permit fees. Amend last sentence of section to state: in accordance with the schedule of fees in Chapter 4-1 of the Municipal Code.
- (7) Section R108.3 Building permit valuations, is hereby amended by adding a second sentence to read as follows:
- Building permit valuation shall be established by the Building Official in accordance with the most recent Building Valuation Data published by the International Code Council and as modified by the City.
- (8) Section R108.5 Refunds. Amend to state: Fee refunds shall be made in accordance with Chapter 4-1 of the Municipal Code.
- (9) Section R112 Board of Appeals. Amended to read as follows: --Construction Advisory and Appeals Board. See, Chapter 2-6, of the Municipal Code.
- (10) Section R313.2 Smoke alarms, is hereby amended to add a fourth required location:
4. In the room adjacent to the top of any basement stairs, within 12" horizontally of the top tread or top landing of the basement stairs.
- (11) Table R301.2 (1) *Insert:* [APPROPRIATE DESIGN CRITERIA] see Table R301.2 (1)

TABLE R301.2 (1) CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA

GROUND SNOW LOAD	WIND SPEED	SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM			WINTER DESIGN TEMP	ICE BARRIER UNDERLAYER- MENT REQUIRED	FLOOD HAZARD	AIR FREEZING INDEX	MEAN ANNUAL TEMP
			Weathering	Frost line depth	Termite					
20 _{psf}	90 _{mph}	B	Moderate	18"	Moderate to heavy	20°	NO	See, Munic. Code, Ch. 4--8	311	57.2°

- (12) Section R302.1 *Amend:* Exterior walls. Exceptions, add:
4. Zero lot line structures platted in accordance with the City of Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (13) Section R310.1 *Amend:* Emergency escape and rescue required. Exception, add to end of paragraph: --or designed as an interior storm shelter less than 400 square feet.
- (14) Section 401.2 *Insert:* (add to the end of paragraph):
- Concrete foundations will be designed by registered design professional licensed in the State of Texas or constructed in compliance with The Panhandle Residential Foundation Manual.

- (15) Section 405.1 *Amend:* Exception, add to end of paragraph:
or construction in accordance with the Panhandle Residential Foundation Manual.
- (16) Table R905.8.5 *Insert:* **Table R905.8.5**

TABLE R905.8.5
WOOD SHAKE MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

MATERIAL	MINIMUM GRADES	APPLICABLE GRADING RULES
Wood shakes of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Taper sawn shakes and shingles of naturally durable wood	1 or 2	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Preservative-treated shakes and shingles of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Fire-retardant-treated shakes of naturally durable wood	1	Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau
Preservative-treated taper sawn shakes of Southern pine treated in accordance with AWPAs Standard U1 (Commodity Specification A, Use Category 3B and section 5.6)	1 or 2	Forest Products Laboratory of the Texas Forest Services

- (17) Part VIII – ELECTRICAL *Delete in its entirety*, S.B. 365 Sec. 214.213 (adoption 2008 NEC w/amendments)
- (18) Section P2603.6.1 *Insert:* [12]
- (19) Section P3105.1 *Insert:* Exception (Amend end of paragraph) shall ~~not~~ be limited to 6 feet maximum.
- (20) Section P3114.3 *Insert:* (Add to end of paragraph) -where approved by the Building Official.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Commission of the City of Amarillo, Texas in adopting this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reasons of unconstitutionality of any other portion or provision.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All ordinances, parts of ordinances resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of conflict with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Continuation. That nothing in this ordinance or any code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed by this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

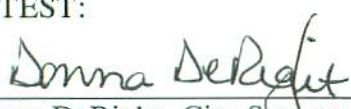
SECTION 6. Penalty. It is an offense to violate any part of this ordinance, punishable upon conviction in accordance with Section 1-1-5 of the Amarillo Municipal Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 7. Publishing and Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published according to law and be effective on June 15, 2008.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Amarillo, Texas, on First Reading this the 13th day of May, 2008; and PASSED on Second and Final Reading the 20th day of May, 2008.


Debra McCartt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Donna DeRight, City Secretary